

Refugee Services

Reimbursement and Billing FAQs

1. Are refugees eligible for Medicaid?

- **“Yes**, as long as refugees meet the income requirements, they are eligible for Medicaid”.

2. Can a LHD bill Medicaid for Refugee Health Screenings?

- **No** – the LHDs are paid a flat fee:
“The directive we have from the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is that if their Medicaid is active at the time of the health screening, the health screening should be billed to Medicaid.

However, most LHDs are not fully implementing Medicaid, nor do they have the capacity, nor do they have contracts with all the MCOs in HealthChoice. So for any health screenings that occur at the LHDs, rather than bill Medicaid, we are providing them with a flat fee reimbursement that is funded through ORR called “Refugee Medical Assistance.”

- LHDs cannot receive a flat fee reimbursement *and* also bill Medicaid for these health screenings.

3. Can a LHD bill Medicaid for Refugee Immunization Services?

- **Adult Immunizations:**
Yes, if the LHDs have adult vaccines in-stock.
- **Children Immunizations:**
Yes, a child can receive their immunizations through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

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